



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810
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January 25, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting

The Meeting called to order, as a video conference call, by Chairman Harvey Center at 6:30 pm with Commissioners: Richard Aronson, Helen Bechard, John Cherry, John Cooke, Ed Moore, Cheryl Hill, Gregory Smith, and Coordinator Gregory Wencek. Absent: Mary Burke. Public: Sandy Chaleski.

Presentation of Minutes

The Minutes of the November meeting were submitted. A motion by RAronson to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by JCooke. Passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

eMail: RECEIVED - Danbury Concert Association re: return of unused budget.

SENT:

Mail: Danna Valez Jehovah's Witnesses,

Phone: Derek Piotr - Project is going to CD and will be released to the Commission in February.

Reports on DCC sponsored events

- Events SPORADIC Effective with Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7PP

Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission

- Danbury Music Centre
 - Handel's Messiah
- Danbury Museums
 - The outdoor exhibit panels are installed. Stop by and have a look at these colorful images from your favorite fair.
- Palace Theater Danbury
- Galleries
 - Gallery at Still River Editions
 - @287 287 Main St. Danbury
 - Gallery of the Visual and Performing Arts Center WCSU Westside campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension
- Accessible Art
 - City Hall,
 - CityCenter Danbury,
 - Hodge Insurance,
 - Filosa Convalescent/Hancock Hall,
 - Bethel Public Library, Terrence Tougas - artistic expressions the elements
- Danbury Library

Upcoming events

Calendar submitted to the Commissioners, and maintained at DanburyArts.com
EVENTS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO RESUME DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC.

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
DANBURY TOWN CLERK

2021 JAN 28 1 A 8:40

BY: JEC

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NOTE: Additional and supporting information can be found in the files at the Commission office.



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Coordinator's Report

1. The Coordinator was directed to ask the Corporation Council if there is indemnity to Commissioners from public suits? No reply from 2 requests to Corporation Council. **Coordinator will ask the Assistant Corporation counsel this month.**
2. GSmith would like an update on Designs for Danbury and the shirts.
 - a. **DESIGNS** - GSmith and I have had a few conversations over the months. We are asking a student attending colleges, universities, or technical schools in Danbury, or technology companies, partnerships or businesses headquartered in The City of Danbury, banks, architectural firms, construction companies, for a design which 1. creates interest and invites exploring the City, 2. could be built, and 3. expands on the history and culture of Danbury. It is something people would want to see and reminds them of this City or when it is seen or experienced the viewer feels a part of the community.
 - i. The award could be given in June at the Danbury Main Street Faire.
 - b. **SHIRTS** - From Iovino Brothers, The price is \$30 each which includes the embroidery in one location. There is a digitizing charge for the embroidered logo. That cost is a one time charge of approximately \$100.00. The magnets that I found are 5.75" by 3.38". For a quantity of 250 the price per magnet is \$2.95. There is also a \$50 artwork charge from the manufacturer. Turn time for the shirts are 2-3 weeks, magnets are 3-4 weeks.
 - i. you can order different styles as long as you do a minimum of six pieces per embroidery order.
 - ii. shirts from Screen Designs Printing & Embroidery about the same but no Set up fee
 - iii. both companies do not take purchase orders, cash in advance. (credit card)
3. **Literary Contest...** judges (no reply from Dean Santiago at NVCC Danbury. I asked the school coordinators for judge suggestions, so far no ideas.
 - a. School coordinators on board for DHS, ACE, and Immaculate. Abbott Tech has not responded.
 - b. School coordinators suggest only a poetry contest this year because of the stress of distance learning. Too much to do with too little time.
4. **2021 - 2022 budget process concluded**
 - a. The Commission requested same budget amount as last year.
 - b. The Commission was asked to justify this year's budget and how it will be spent.
5. Logo on promotional 'swag'

Appeals from Community groups:

None

Old Business

1. University Intern project
Interview with possible intern Jonathan Wencek. He reiterated his plans for the lottery magazine and answered the Commissioner's questions. (See the separate report on project scope.)



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Moved by GSmith to support exploring an intern from WCSU pending answering questions raised and budget submitted. Seconded by CHill.

DISCUSSION: GSmith - Is this On-line or physical? How often will this be published? Schleski has experience with self-publishing she will share. HBechard: How will the selection judging be done, by Committee (because a single judge may not be familiar with all of the genres)? JCherry: Is there indemnity for publication contents? (Coordinator will ask the Corporation Council.)

New Business

1. Motion by JCooke to partner with Make Music Day 2021 for \$325. Seconded by RAronson.

DISCUSSION: the program grew from year one to last year and it should be even larger this year.

CALLED: Passed by unanimous vote.

2. Judges are still needed for the Poetry contest. The Short Story contest will be on hiatus this year.

Other Business

1. JCherry would like all applicants this year to include in their requests a specific proposal for how they will attract people after this pandemic and that they include a sufficient amount in their budget.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15

Made by GSmith. Passed by Unanimous vote.

NOTE:

Corporation Counsel has provided the Clerk's office with the following... Current as of 3/16/20:

Effective with Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B issued on 3/14/20, the requirement of public attendance at all meetings of public agencies is suspended. Meetings are to be held remotely by conference call, videoconference, or other technology, provided that (in summary):

- 1) the public has the ability to view or listen to each meeting or proceeding in real time by phone, video or other technology.

Therefore the Commission office has set up a video conference call which will start at 6:00 on Monday evening. Commissioners and the public should connect to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84094897377?pwd=V2Z0ZmsrQmJBZWpKZkh1QXc2VTBuUT09> Meeting ID: 840 9489 7377 and passcode: 339450. Or call 929 205 6099 and use Access code: 882 8336 0231 and Passcode 241240. The meeting will start at 6:30.

Upcoming events CANCELLED Effective with Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B

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